

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the present amendments and following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments. Support for the amendments can be found in the Specification at page 34, lines 4-11

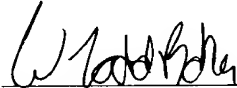
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of an interview granted to Applicants' representative on December 06, 2007. During the interview, proposed changes to the claims were discussed to clarify the power control feature of the invention. Applicants have amended the claims consistent with the proposed changes discussed. As asserted in the November 21, 2007 Request for Reconsideration, Figure 10A and column 10, lines 30-39 of Mizuno merely teach that the steps illustrated in Figure 10A are initiated when the power supply to the computer is turned on. Mizuno fails to teach or suggest a process control mechanism which controls a power supply turn on according to a start time of a reservation. Thus, Mizuno does not cure the deficiencies of Matoba et al. and Pietropaolo et al.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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